

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Summarizing this amendment, the specification, abstract and drawings have been revised as have the claims. Insofar as the claims are concerned, claims 3-6, 10 and 12 have been amended, claims 7, 9, 11, 13 and 14 remain unchanged, claims 1,2 and 8 have been cancelled, and claims 15-17 have been added. Thus, claims 3-7 and 9-17 are now presented for the examiner's consideration.

Applicant has amended the specification and corrected the deficiencies noted by the examiner and others as well. The revision of the application includes a new abstract of less than 150 words.

Applicant further submits a new sheet of drawings containing figures 2-4 and requests that it be substituted for the sheet of original drawings containing those figures. A marked-up copy of the original sheet accompanies this submission to identify the changes in red ink.

New independent claim 15 represents former claim 2 in independent condition, and as such includes all the limitations of former claims 1 and 2. It is believed to be allowable in view of paragraph 9 of the official action. Claims 3-5 now depend upon claim 15 and are likewise believed to be allowable.

New independent claim 16 represents former claim 8 in independent condition and as such includes all the limitations of former claims 6, 7 and 8. It is also believed to be allowable in view of paragraph 9 of the official action.

New independent claim 17 represents former claim 9 in independent condition and as such includes all the limitations of former claims 6 and 9. It too

is believed to be allowable in view of paragraph 9 of the official action, as are claims 10, 11 and 12 which now depend upon claim 17.

The examiner rejected claim 6 as originally presented, concluding that it described nothing beyond that which appears in European published application 428,439 (Clairnbeaud) and therefore failed to meet the requirements of 35 USC 102. Applicant disagrees, but nevertheless has amended claim 6 to better distinguish applicant's stabilizer bar as set forth in the claim from that which is disclosed in the Clairnbeaud reference. Claim 6 now specifies that the rotor has a face that is presented axially and that the face is provided with ramps. The claim also requires that the piston has a fuse that is presented axially toward the face on the rotor and that it has ramps that align with the ramps on the rotor.

The Clairnbeaud reference shows a piston 4 provided with internal threads that engage internal threads on a screw 17. The screw 17 rotates with a torsion rod 1a, with the rotation apparently displacing the piston and changing the volume of a chamber 5. The Clairnbeaud reference does not show face that are presented axially and toward each other, with the faces being provided with ramps, as required by the claims. Nor does it reasonably suggest such a structure. Neither does U.S. Patent 5,129,273 (Fukui) on which the examiner also relies. Hence, claim 6 as amended is believed to be allowable. The same holds true for claims 7, 9, 13 and 14 which depend upon claim 6.

Applicant submits herewith a further information disclosure statement citing references located in an international search conducted for application PCT/US2004/011711 which pertains to another stabilizer invented by applicant

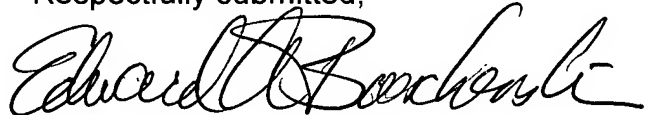
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and a colleague. The PCT application claims priority from two U.S. non-provisional applications which have not as yet undergone examination.

A check in the sum of \$200 is submitted herewith to cover the cost of examining an additional independent claim.

In view of the foregoing, favorable consideration and allowance of the application with 14 claims — namely claims 3-7, and 9-17 — are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Edward A. Boeschstein", written in a cursive style.

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Amendments to the Drawings

The attached sheet of drawings includes changes to Fig. 2. This sheet, which includes Figs. 2-4, replaces the original sheet including Figs. 2-4.

Attachments: Replacement Sheet of drawing figures 2-4; and

 Marked-up copy of the original drawing sheet to identify the
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